

### **REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 27 is amended, claims 4-8 and 26 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1, 10-13, 15-23, 25, 27-29, and 31-34 are now pending in this application.

#### **§ 102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 4-6 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Navidi, et al. (U.S. 4,706,038). Claims 4-6 and 26 have been canceled.

#### **§ 103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Navidi, et al. Claims 7 and 8 have been canceled.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1, 10-13, 15-23, 25, 31-34 were allowed. Claims 27-29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 28 and 29 depend on claim 27. Accordingly, applicants believe claims 27-29 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (952-473-8800) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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